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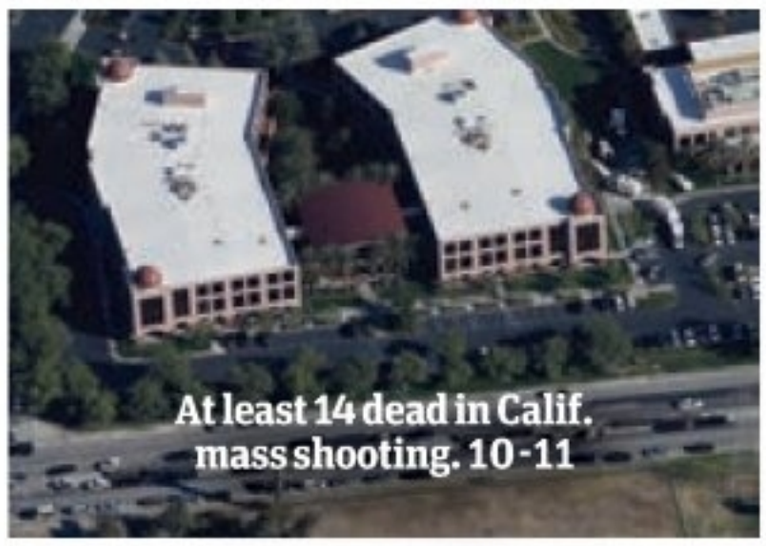

At least 14 dead in Calif. mass shooting. 10-11

Upscale casual dining makes it to Point Breeze with the new Buckminster's. 25

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From a shiny new drone camera to "Star Wars" ice cream, we've got the gifts for the VIPs on your list. 21-24

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JURY SELECTED

1 A jury was selected on Wednesday in the trial of Officer William Porter, the first of six police officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. The main jury consisted of four men and eight women. Of the four male alternates, three were white and one was black, a spokeswoman said. REUTERS

COCAINE FOUND ON PLANE

2 Maintenance workers with American Airlines have discovered more than 26 pounds of cocaine in a Boeing 757 undergoing routine maintenance at Tulsa International Airport, officials said on Wednesday. The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office was called to the airport's maintenance center after airline employees found packages of a white, powdery substance in the plane on Tuesday night, the sheriff's office said. Agents with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration were called in and removed 10 square packages. REUTERS

YAHOO'S FUTURE

3 The board of Yahoo Inc. is weighing a sale of its core internet business when it meets this week, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters. The board's meeting comes amid a broader debate about the future of the company and that of high-profile President and Chief Executive Officer Marissa Mayer. REUTERS

PUERTO RICO DEBT PROTEST

7 In Center City Philadelphia on Wednesday, a half-dozen protestors and members of the Philadelphia-Camden Borinqua Committee demonstrated outside of the Mellon Bank Center to call for a cancellation of Puerto Rico's massive debt.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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SECRET SERVICE SEXTING

4 A federal grand jury has indicted a U.S. Secret Service officer who allegedly sent naked pictures of himself to an undercover police officer posing as a 14-year-old girl, the U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday. The suspect, Lee Robert Moore, 37, was indicted on one count of attempting to send obscene material to a minor, the department said. REUTERS

SECOND OKAFOR VIDEO

5 A second video shows Jahlil Okafor demolish a man with a single blow in a fight outside a club in Boston. It's the latest in a flurry of bad news for the 6'11" 19-year-old star center for the Sixers, who is considered a top candidate for rookie of the year. In the video Okafor can be heard yelling back, "We got money," and then rapidly approaching the man before delivering a powerful haymaker. The Sixers have suspended Okafor for two games. METRO

VETRI TOPS BEST LIST

6 There's no question that Philadelphia is an ideal place to find great Italian food, and once again the city has earned national acclaim for the cuisine. Vetri, at 1312 Spruce St., has topped Time Out's list of the 20 best Italian restaurants in the U.S.

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This year marks the seventh anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic logo.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system. Your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

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How will Philly 'adapt' to climate change?

Fisherman ply the waters of the Schuylkill River from the Fairmount Waterworks. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Whatever your stance on climate change is, Philadelphia is preparing for increasing water levels and temperatures.

"The effects of a changing climate are already apparent in Philadelphia," said Katherine Gajewski, Director of Sustainability for the City of Philadelphia.

"We need to understand what climate change will look like on the ground and how to advance smart, proactive initiatives that will help us to prepare."

In part, the report is intended to evaluate how "climate stressors," such as increased heat, more winter precipitation and a sea level rise "will impact city-owned assets," the report states.

Projections of a four-foot rise in sea levels, for example, would bring the Schuylkill right up to the banks where 30th Street Station sits. Such a rise would make more than 30 city-owned facilities highly or moderately vulnerable to flooding.

Rising water levels in the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers are expected to permanently flood low-lying parts of Philadelphia, the report states.

"Although Philadelphia lies 90 miles from the coast, its tidal rivers make sea level rise, which is likely to reach two feet by 2050 and four feet by 2100, a particularly important risk for the city," the report states.

The report also states that by 2100, Philly could be experiencing as many as 16 days of temps of 100 degrees, and four to 10 times more days with temps over 95 degrees.

For now, the city report calls for action and adaptation to lessen climate change's impacts on Philadelphia – such as what would now be the devastating economic damages from a so-called 100-year-flood, estimated to be $600 million.

Visit metro.us to read the full report. SAM NEWHOUSE

Findings

The report states that since 2010, Philadelphia has experienced:

- The snowiest winter on record.
- The two warmest summers on record.
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Gambles' school gives 'foundation'

Youths who've participated in a mentorship program will organize and host their own graduation ceremony Thursday.

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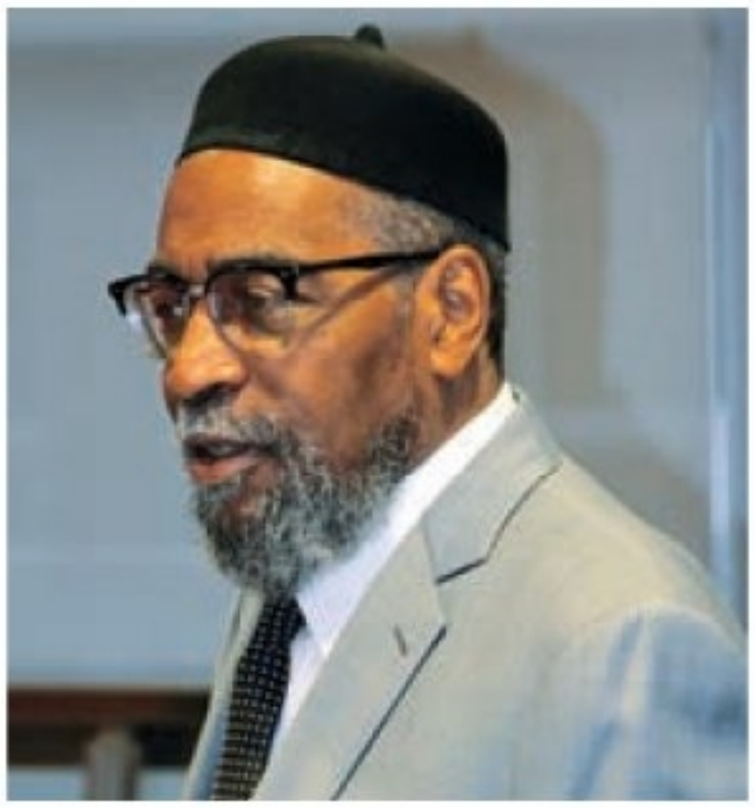

Faatimah Gamble speaks with a chef at the program. Right, Kenny Gamble. JOHN BLANKS

Reid Moss, now 21, was a young South Philadelphia native when she first connected with the "Universal Pearls of Wisdom" in 2006. Like the teen and pre-teen African-American males of "From Boys to Men", the "Pearls" were created as a mentorship program by legendary Philadelphia music mogul Kenneth Gamble and wife Faatimah Gamble to teach life and etiquette skills.

As a student of one of the Gambles' six Philadelphia charter schools through its Universal Companies, Moss and her mother believed "Pearls of Wisdom" was a worthwhile enterprise.

"At least I wasn't opposed to it," Moss said with a laugh about learning to "come into herself as an individual and enhance life's lessons" as a "Pearl."

"Teen years are an awkward time to begin with," Moss said. "Learning social etiquette skills – how to walk and speak publically with confidence – really helped."

Currently a sociology major at Atlanta's Spellman College, Moss is working toward a career in Communication Arts and credits the Gambles' with her confident swagger. "They gave me a foundation."

The Gambles' newest crop of young students need all the confidence they can muster. On Thursday, 2015's graduating classes will do everything – cook, host, model, decorate – for "An Evening of Style & Grace" at University of the Arts, with a fashion show raising money for their social grace and character-building classes.

The show itself faced a bump in the road when Boyd's clothiers had a fire earlier this week and had to pull out of the proceedings. The students coaxed area designers Les Richards and RL2 to participate and the problem was resolved.

"Our young men and women dealt with it, quickly," said Faatimah Gamble.

West Philly native Leony Pena, 13, is in his second year of "From Boys to Men" and already understands the responsibilities of acting like a responsible gentleman.

"I wanted to learn to be a better person," Pena said of discovering everything from manners to how to dress. "I feel like they're giving me info that I need to know now, not just in the future."

> *"Traditionally, African-American youths have been kept from a process of learning. It's our responsibility to change that."*
>
> Kenny Gamble

Soul music impresario Kenneth Gamble has hundreds of hits to his name as boss of the legendary Philadelphia International Records.

Yet, his longest running smash is his quietest one, started by and shared with his wife, fellow philanthropist and co-founder of Universal Companies, Faatimah Gamble.

Thirty-five years ago, Mrs. Gamble created a program to teach life skills (e.g. cooking, diction, social etiquette) that were once the core of home economic courses.

She then developed a similar program for teen boys and included classes in entrepreneurial skills, money management and non-violent conflict resolution for both sexes.

"We teach young men and women about consequences," said Faatimah Gamble. "We help them to aspire."

"We give our young scholars proper tools to navigate life's waters, be it culinary arts or dressing properly," she said. "All they have to do is be willing to receive the information and process it appropriately."

"We try to help them develop skills they might not get because of problems that face our community, be it violence, lack of education or self-esteem," Mrs. Gamble said. "I hope we do a great job."

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State's frack fields shrink

A gas pad derrick near Dimock, Pa. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Low gas prices have led to the curbing of fracking operations in Pa.

The drilling rigs are gone from the hills surrounding Williamsport, Pa., a town of 30,000. The hotels and bars are quieter too, no longer packed with thousands of workers drawn to America's newest, biggest gas field.

The drilling boom of the past seven years is over, even though thousands of existing wells in the Marcellus region still produce a fifth of U.S. natural gas supply. Now, exclusive data made available to Reuters points to a slump in drilling that could hit production next year, defying government and industry expectations of a further rise in output.

Preliminary figures provided by DrillingInfo, which monitors rig activity, showed drilling permits issued for the 90,000-square mile reservoir beneath Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, slumped to 68 in October from 76 in September. There were still 160 permits issued in June and over 600 a month at the peak in 2010.

"It is better to choke back than to sell into this market."

Inflection Energy spokesman Matt Henderson

"The fact that it is slowing and the speed at which it is slowing" sums up the state of U.S. shale gas industry, Allen Gilmer, chief executive officer of DrillingInfo, told Reuters.

Recent months are subject to revisions, DrillingInfo said, but a retreat of such magnitude, combined with falling output from older wells, would mark a turning point for the Marcellus — and the whole U.S. gas market.

The Energy Information Administration now forecasts overall U.S. gas output to hit a record in 2016 for the sixth year in a row. A drop in Marcellus production could snap that streak and help prop up prices that have fallen by two-thirds since 2010.

Several gas producers, including Chesapeake Energy and Cabot Oil and Gas, have announced production cuts in the region. Inflection Energy has cut production from 50 to 70 percent of its wells.

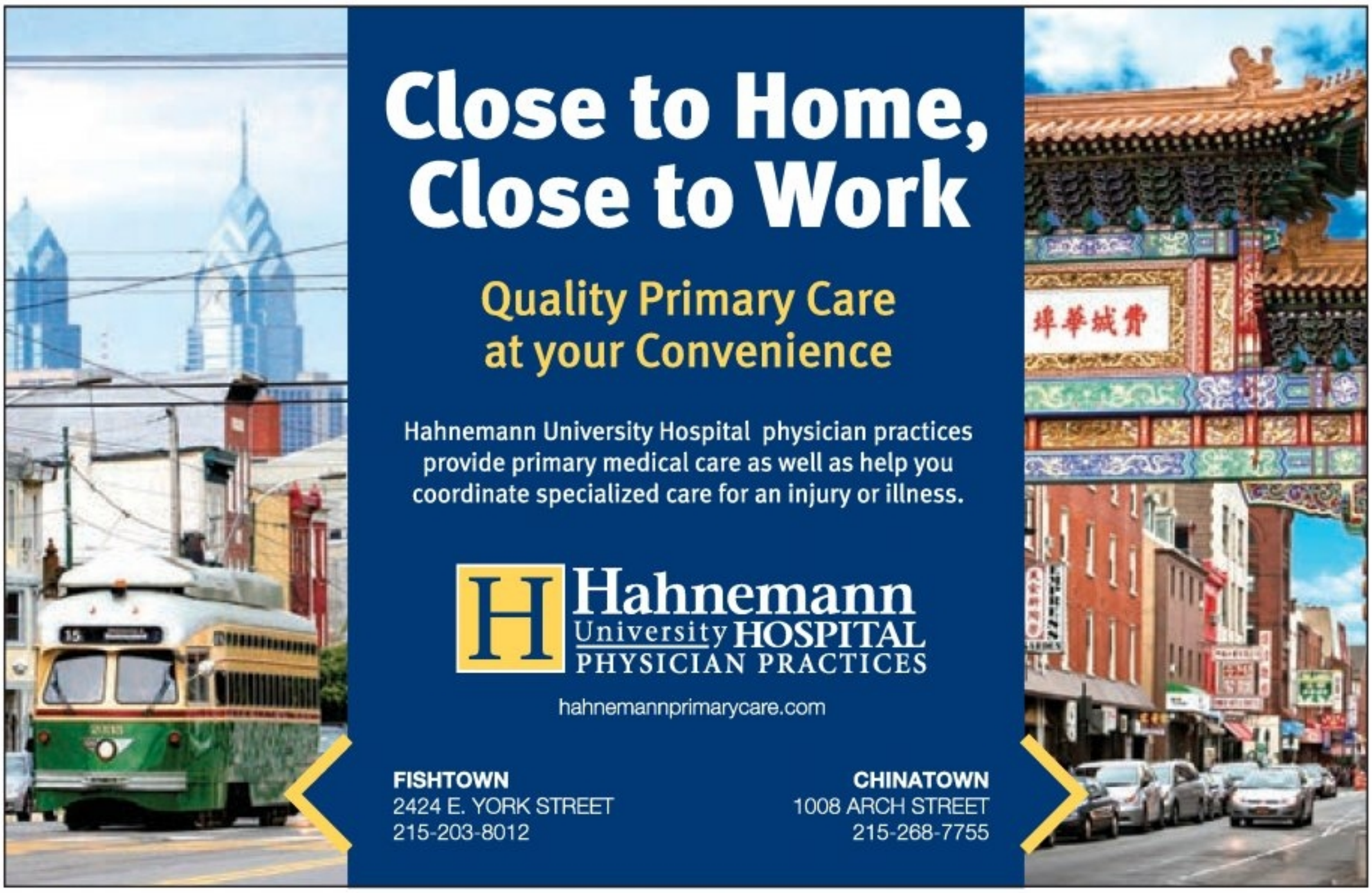
"It is better to choke back than to sell into this market," Inflection Energy spokesman Matt Henderson said.

Justin Kastner, a manager with Global Land Partners, a company that secures leases for oil and gas companies, said his staff has halved this year from 16 to eight."There is just too much gas," said Kastner. "I expect to see a downturn for the next two years."

The local economy is feeling the pinch too. Foreclosure notices filed in Lycoming County, where Williamsport is, between January and October hit their highest since the data was first collected in 2006, according to RealtyTrac.

The boomtown buzz is also gone from the Old Corner Hotel bar, one of Williamsport's oldest watering holes.

"It felt like every night was a Friday night," said general manager Kate Myers. "It is back to normal now." REUTERS



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Gunmen kill at least

The shooting rampage marked the deadliest U.S. gun violence since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Gunmen opened fire on a holiday party on Wednesday at a social services agency in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people and wounding 17 others before fleeing, authorities said.

As an intense manhunt for up to three suspects ensued. San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said in a televised news briefing three hours after Wednesday's shooting that the suspects were believed to have made their getaway in a dark-colored sport utility vehicle.

Authorities ordered a security "lockdown" of all local schools, as well as city and county buildings, and area hospitals were placed on alert, Burguan said.

A vehicle matching the description turned up at a shootout with police several hours later. Two suspects were killed during the shootout according to Chief Jarrod Burguan.

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The shooting unfolded on the campus of the Inland Regional Center, one of 21 facilities set up by the state and run under contract by nonprofit organizations to serve people with developmental disabilities, said Nancy Lungren, spokeswoman for the California Department of Developmental Services.

"Obviously, at minimum, we have a domestic-type, terrorist-type situation that occurred here." Burguan

Lavinia Johnson, executive director of the facility, told CNN the suspects opened fire inside a conference building in the complex where a holiday party was being held for county health department personnel.

The conference building sits adjacent to two larger three-story buildings that house most of the agency's offices at the complex, Johnson said. Asked whether that meant that the Inland Regional Center staff and clients were safe, she said she understood they were being evacuated. REUTERS

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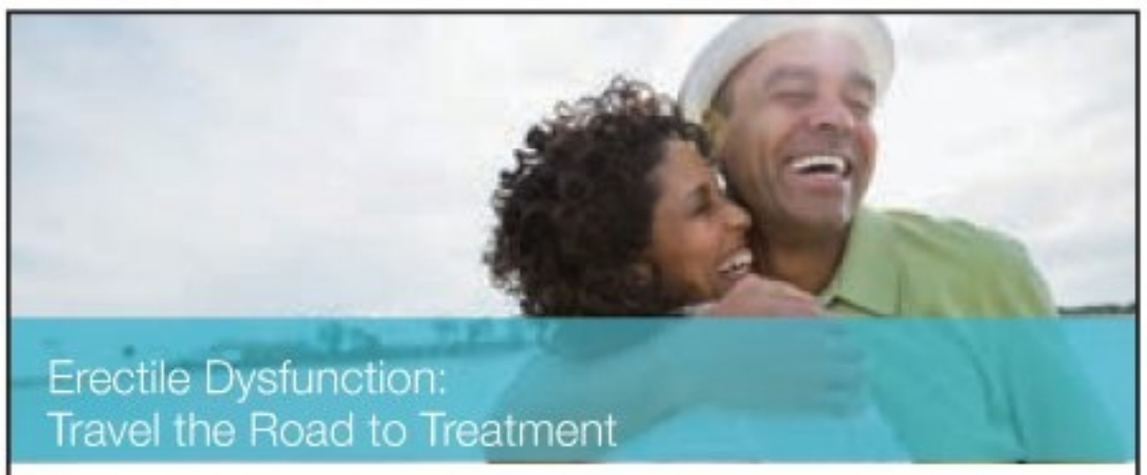

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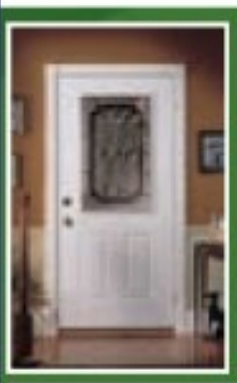

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Record rains flood south Indian state; more to come

The national weather office predicted three more days of torrential downpours in the southern state of nearly 70 million people.

The heaviest rainfall in over a century caused massive flooding across the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, driving thousands from their homes, shutting auto factories and paralyzing the airport in the state capital Chennai.

"There will be no respite," Laxman Singh Rathore of the India Meteorological Department told reporters on Wednesday.

No deaths were reported in the latest floods, but since heavy rain set in on Nov. 12 there have been 150 deaths in Tamil Nadu. More than 200 people were critically injured over the past 24 hours in Chennai, a senior home ministry official said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has blamed climate change for the deluge, injecting urgency into the debate at global climate talks in Paris and highlighting the vulnerability of tropical nations like India to extreme weather.

Physician Rupam Choudhury said he and a friend had to wade through neck-deep water to reach high ground from where an army truck brought him to his hospital in the heart of Chennai.

Dr. A. Ramachandran's Diabetes Hospital was running out of oxygen for patients and diesel for power generators, he said by telephone. Most mobile networks were down in the city and food supplies running low.

An Indian labourer pushes his cycle trishaw through floodwaters in Chennai. GETTY IMAGES

"The biggest challenge is to find a way to clear the inundated airport and main roads."

Anurag Gupta
at the National Disaster Management Authority in New Delhi

Chennai, India's fourth most populous city, is a major auto manufacturing and IT outsourcing hub. Ford Motor, Daimler, Hyundai and Nissan told workers to stay at home, while U.S. listed outsourcing firm Cognizant shut its 11 local offices.

Airlines suspended flights into Chennai's flooded international airport, causing wider disruption to air travel. Authorities later decided to close the airport until Dec. 6. REUTERS

BRIEF

First sign of climate accord on five-year review of carbon cuts

Climate negotiators in Paris are drawing close to resolving one of the sticking points for a breakthrough emissions pact by favoring a five-year review period on promised greenhouse gas cuts, a top official said.

Regular reviews are seen as a crucial part of any agreement since countries' current pledges to cut emissions — submitted by 185 nations to the United Nations — will fail to prevent temperatures from rising 3.6 [degrees] Fahrenheit above pre-industrial times, seen as a dangerous level.

Countries have disagreed as to how often audits of those plans should take place. While many major emitters including China, the United States and the European Union supported a five-year period, a term included in an outline U.N. text last month, others such as India have been reluctant to commit.

"It seems now there is a growing consensus that [reviews] will be every five years," U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres said. There was still little progress on thornier issues, though, such as funding for developing nations and a long-term goal for phasing out fossil fuels. REUTERS

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Target in $39.4 million settlement with banks over 2013 data breach

Target has agreed to pay $39.4 million to resolve claims by banks and credit unions that said they lost money because of the retailer's late 2013 data breach.

The preliminary settlement filed on Wednesday resolves class-action claims by lenders seeking to hold Target responsible for their costs to reimburse fraudulent charges and issue new credit and debit cards.

Target has said at least 40 million credit cards were compromised in the breach — and that as many as 110 million people may have suffered the theft of personal information such as email addresses and phone numbers.

The Minneapolis-based retailer has taken steps to avoid a recurrence, including being among the first U.S. retailers to install microchip-enabled card readers at all stores.

Target GETTY IMAGES

Wednesday's accord was filed with the U.S. District Court in St. Paul, Minnesota, and requires court approval. The deal calls for Target to pay as much as $20.25 million to banks and credit unions, and $19.11 million to reimburse MasterCard card issuers.

Target had reached a similar settlement with MasterCard in April, but it was rejected the next month when card issuers deemed the sum too low.

Earlier this year, Target agreed to pay Visa card issuers as much as $67 million over the breach and reached a $10 million settlement with shoppers. The latter accord won court approval last month. REUTERS

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Congress wants VTech details on child data

Lawmakers on Wednesday asked digital toymaker VTech why it collects data on children — and how it secures that information. The questions followed a cyber attack that exposed records on 6.4 million youngsters in company databases.

In a letter, two leaders of a congressional group focusing on privacy asked VTech for specific information on what data it collects on children ages 12 and younger, how it uses the information and whether it shares or sells such data.

"This breach raises several questions about what information VTech collects on children, how that data is protected, and how VTech complies with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act," Democratic Sen. Edward Markey and Republican Rep. Joe Barton said in the letter. They referred to a 1998 law aimed at helping parents to control their children's information.

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Representatives for Hong Kong-based VTech could not be reached for comment on the letter, which was released overnight in Asia.

They made the request after VTech disclosed on Tuesday that the breach compromised data on 6.4 million children and 4.9 million adults. Security experts say it is the largest known cyber attack targeting children's data.

The incident raises questions about the company's adherence to the law and steps it has taken to protect children's personal information, according to Markey and Barton, co-founders of the Bi-Partisan Congressional Privacy Caucus.

The company has said that it was at fault.

"Regretfully, our database was not as secure as it should have been," VTech said in a detailed document on the breach published on its website. Nearly half of the compromised parent and child profiles were in the U.S.

Security experts and one equity analyst said the company could face government inquiries and private lawsuits from customers worldwide.

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Sandra Bullock lied to us all about her second adoption

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Remember in late October when a reporter congratulated Sandra Bullock on adopting a little girl and Bullock completely insisted the story was totally untrue? Yeah, not so much. "If I had a second adopted child, everyone would be hearing about it," she said. And well, everyone's hearing about it now. It turns out she was just waiting for the exclusive deal she'd given People magazine to announce the news.

"When I look at Laila, there's no doubt in my mind that she was supposed to be here," Bullock says of her new daughter, whom she's now willing to admit she's adopted. "I can tell you absolutely, the exact right children came to me at the exact right time." Laila joins her first adopted child, Louis, who is apparently already all about the whole being a big brother thing. "Louis spearheaded this whole journey," she says. And that's a lot of responsibility for a 5-year-old. While I'm thrilled for Bullock and her family, I do wonder how long it will take for me to be able to trust her again.

Iggy Azalea breaks Twitter silence thanks to Erykah Badu

Iggy Azalea is no stranger to social media fiascos, which might be part of the reason her Twitter followers haven't heard a peep from the rapper since Nov. 1. But being a trending topic can have an effect on a lady, as Azalea made an online comeback this week to respond to Erykah Badu's mocking of her at the Soul Train Awards, which went viral almost immediately. "We are days from 2016, but I came online today and saw it's still cool to try and discredit my 2014 accomplishments," Azalea tweeted. "F—ing hell. Seems exhausting. Anyway, I've been enjoying the holiday season and I hope you all have, too." She also revealed that one of her horses might have Lyme disease. Wait, what?

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Sarah Gadon lives in the past

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An actor used to dark David Cronenberg films goes light with "A Royal Night Out."

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On the surface, "A Royal Night Out" is slightly fluffier fare than Sarah Gadon is used to. The actor not only has films like "Enemy" and three from David Cronenberg (including "Cosmopolis") on her CV, she also has a master's in cinema studies from the University of Toronto. "A Royal Night Out" is a deceptively light history tale, telling a fictitious account of when future Queen Elizabeth (played by Gadon) and fellow princess Margaret (Bel Powley) were allowed to go out and celebrate V.E. Day. In truth they went to a society party; in the film they sneak away and hoedown with the masses.

"When I was doing my degree I was so dogmatic about working with auteur filmmakers," Gadon recalls. When she went to Cannes with "Cosmopolis," she brought her mom. "She turned to me and said, 'You should really make a movie that I would enjoy watching.'" It's why she did "Belle," about the mixed-race member of an 18th-century aristocratic English family (played by Gugu Mbatha-Raw). And it was a big reason she did "A Royal Night Out."

The other big reason is her lineage. Her dad's side of the family is British and her grandparents met during World War II, when she was in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and he in the British Royal Navy. They were even in Trafalgar Square on V.E. Night. Though they never spoke to her about the war, Gadon describes her work in

In "A Royal Night Out," Sarah Gadon and Bel Powley play the young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, who get to party

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the film as a love letter to them.

"There was so much I learned about my grandmother while I was researching Elizabeth. It was learning about her by way of Elizabeth," Gadon says. "Elizabeth represented, for so many women, the first major public woman to have this full-time position, and to be a mother and a wife and managing these worlds at a time in feminism when that was a prominent issue in people's minds. Elizabeth was a big reason why my own grandmother wanted to join the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and become a part of the war effort. She influenced a lot of women."

Hollywood sucks for everyone

"A Royal Night Out" arrives when there's growing awareness of the paucity of strong female roles, especially in films centered around female protagonists. Gadon worries about pay inequality and roles that lack substance. At the same time she worries about men too.

"I see so many young male co-stars and actors who come up against the same struggles in terms of finding roles that are meaningful and are more than beefcake roles," Gadon says. "When I did 'Dracula Untold,' I was working with Luke Evans, who had to work out like crazy for the part. He had to take off his shirt in every other scene. I was like, 'This is weird. Shouldn't I be the one being pressured to lose weight and take my shirt off?'"

Still, she's optimistic. She cites a Vanity Fair piece on Robin Wright where Wright talked about feeling like she's coming into her own at an age when women have historically been ignored. "I think I'm in this great period in Hollywood when women in their 40s are experiencing more career success than ever before," she says. But there's still much to fight against: "It's such a massive issue that it's hard to speak candidly in sound bites about it. But it's something at the forefront of my mind and in my email inbox."

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Gorging myself on 'Top Chef'

Our L.A. writer reports from inside the Bravo cooking show.

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There's me in the middle, judging some food on "Top Chef" — and apparently not saying anything very interesting. ALL PHOTOS BRAVO

Last night I got to make my big-time reality TV debut — sort of. If you watched the premiere of the 13th season of "Top Chef," you might have spotted me. Or maybe not, if you blinked.

The thing about cooking competition shows like "Top Chef" that have always bugged me is that you can't taste what the contestants are whipping up. On something like "Project Runway," you can see the work they've created and form your own opinion, but with food you have to take the judge's word for how it tastes. Or at least I had to until last night, when I got to be one of the people tasting that food.

As Padma Lakshmi explained to the 17 contestants, they were secretly being judged by a handful of food critics and entertainment reporters, including myself. Those scores determined which chefs ended up on the top and bottom — and faced elimination — regardless of the show's regular judges' opinions.

Tom Colicchio and Padma Lakshmi sample dishes at the "Top Chef" premiere. I'm back there somewhere, too.

Judging all the dishes meant tasting them all, which was a challenge in and of itself — 17 dishes is a lot of food. I should've taken a cue from the pros, who never seemed to finish a whole portion.

The good thing for us, as Tom Colicchio noted at Judge's Table, is that there weren't any dishes that were total disasters. I mean, I don't think I'm going to rush out to try anything with mung bean and bitter melon anytime soon. The name is not a coincidence. But there were some true standouts. Amar Santana's pork belly meatball, for the record, was the best thing I ate, and I would happily take more of them. And Carl Dooley's carrot soup was pretty awesome. Oh, and Giselle Wellman's cauliflower soup didn't get the attention and praise it deserved.

As for actually making the final broadcast, a sinking feeling set in when it became clear that my comments on the merits of the various dishes had been edited out. I thought I had some interesting things to say, but apparently not.

I did at least get some quality screen time when Lakshmi and Colicchio sauntered in front of me for one of the episode's more awkward moments — waiting for contestant Garret Fleming's handmade noodles to be ready. Look, ma! I'm on TV! In the background, at least.

Still, it was cool to see behind the scenes and to interact with the judges. Apparently Emeril Lagasse will just randomly walk up to you and chat. And Gail Simmons looks great in person. Like, distractingly great.

The new season of "Top Chef" continues tonight on Bravo with its second episode, if you're hungry for more. I know for a fact I'm not on that one, at least.

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The holidays are a great time to pick political fights with your Fox News parents, an act made particularly fun in the age of Trump. Sparring families may find some kind of truce in this doc about two of the greatest political warriors: ultra-rightie William F. Buckley and mega-progressive Gore Vidal, who crabbily agreed to a series of televised debates during the combustible 1968 Democratic National Convention. Things soon turned ugly, culminating in the unflappable Buckley losing his stuff and tossing off a homophobic slur. Fun as it is to watch two articulate types barking at each other, as opposed to today's 24 Hour News-bred knuckle-scraping shouters, it's also a sad portrait of two people who should have at least been frenemies, but were too stubborn for even that.

"TANGERINE"

Sean Baker's indie had great timing. When it came out last summer, it was a film starring trans performers as trans characters that was released at a time when acceptance and awareness of transgender people had finally hit the mainstream. But it had more going for it than topicality. Unlike a lot of the LGBT indies of the '90s, it wasn't a mere lesson in acceptance. In fact it took the normalcy of its protagonists — sex workers played by sparkplug Kitana Kiki Rodriguez and wallflower Mya Taylor — as a given. It was thus freed to kick back and plow through a very funny farce that was brisk, dirty and serious when it finally, in its last moments, needed to be.

"DARKMAN"

Yes, there was a time when superhero movies weren't coming out every weekend. Back in 1990 audiences didn't go entirely nuts for Sam Raimi's confection about a disfigured scientist who becomes a masked avenger. It was ahead of its time in another way: Its hero was played by Liam Neeson, two decades before people realized the fine Irish thespian would make a great Charles Bronson 2.0. When he did his "Spider-Man" films, Raimi had to chill out on his usual shtick. Here, he goes full throttle wild and darkly funny. Indeed, nothing here is as memorable as its villain's (Larry Drake) penchant for collecting victims' fingers.

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The holidays are a good time to catch up with old friends, including the heroes of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." PROVIDED

An ode to holiday binge-watching

I love a good binge-watch. I often have to do it if I'm covering a show I've never seen for a website, or because I don't want to be spoiled for a new episode. After doing so much of it, I have to say it's the best way to watch anything. I know the week-to-week anticipation can be thrilling, but there is something insanely satisfying about crashing headlong through a season or a series and looking at it as a whole.

If you haven't done this yet, let me give you some reasons to try it during the holiday break. For one thing, it's an excellent way to avoid family squabbles. But there are other reasons.

When watching a season or a series in a large chunk, you really get a sense of character development. You see it unfolding in "real time." It's not like a friend you check in with here and there and get updates on their life every week or so. It's like you're living their life with them. Watching a "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" marathon, you really see the emotional turmoil her death and subsequent resurrection had on her. You feel the pain of her mother's death and see it carried into the next episode with no time to mourn. She certainly didn't. You feel Jessica Jones' anxiety about her lack of control after Kilgrave returned.

Immersion has the power to give you a completely different perspective. Following someone else's story can create compassion. No, follow me here. Watching the effect of rape on "Veronica Mars" for an extended amount of time gives you a feeling of being in someone else's head. When we allow ourselves to walk in someone else's shoes, it gives us greater understanding of what it's like to go through something like that. You do feel changed after a good binge-watch.

On the flip side, it's kind of a blast to look for inconsistencies in a show. While binge-watching "The Tudors," I had as much fun talking about historical inaccuracies and little places they messed up as I did enjoying what was an excellent show.

Then there is that immediate gratification thing. Hey, it has fewer calories than pumpkin pie! What are you binge-watching this holiday?

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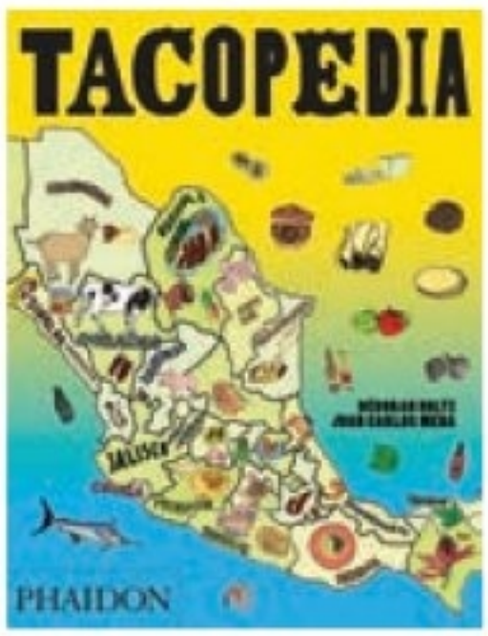

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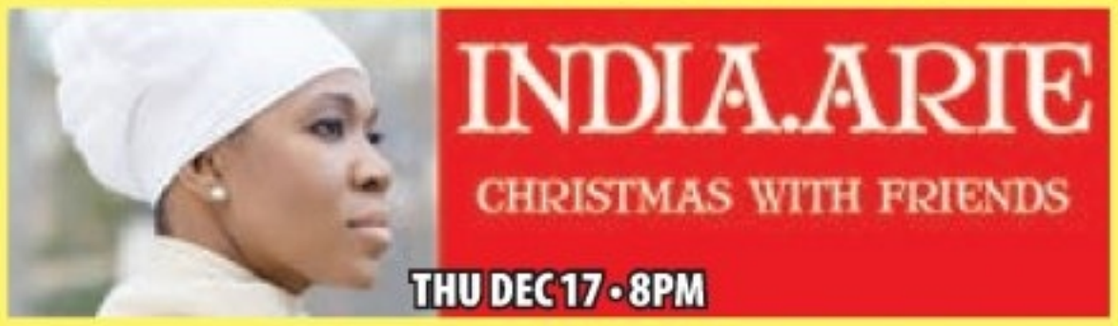

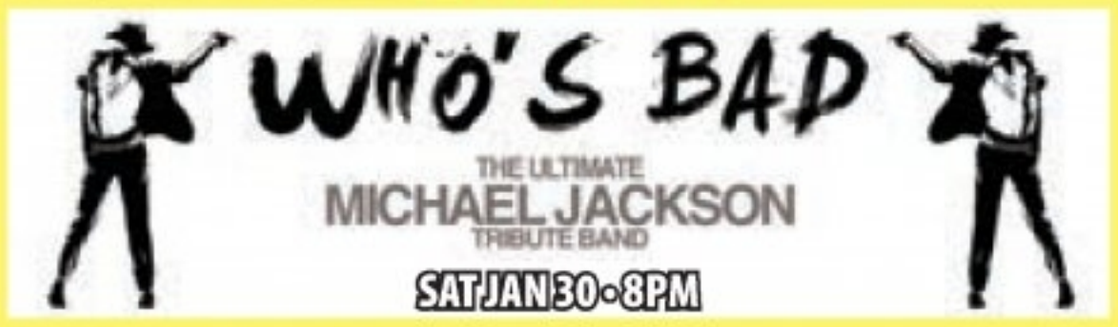

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With the Pasquarellos' latest, Point Breeze is officially on the map.

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With its sleek Mid-century Modern interior, groundbreaking modernist architect namesake and forward-thinking menu, Buckminster's is a world away from the Point Breeze corner bar that occupied the space at 21st and Federal less than a year ago.

Michael and Jeniphur Pasquarello, the restaurateurs behind Kensington Quarters, Bufad, Cafe Lift and Prohibition Taproom, took over the former Burg's Tavern, liquor license and all. They saw it all as an opportunity to bring something new to this up-and-coming neighborhood, which is short on eating options.

While the Pasquarellos were in the process of hashing out a new concept for their latest venture, Jonathan Adams of Rival Brothers Coffee linked them up with chef Robert Marzinsky, formerly of Fitler Dining Room.

Having recently returned from a three-month tour of Southeast Asia and Australia, a trip that combined working at two extremely well-reviewed restaurants in Bangkok and Melbourne, Marzinsky was refreshed and ready to tackle something decidedly different. French-influenced fare had won him an enthusiastic three bells from Craig LaBan.

"My perspective changed a lot while I was away," explains Marzinsky. "I just wanted to make food that I wanted to eat. Food that I would want to sit down and eat with other people."

He reminisced about his days of eating and drinking with a friend and his family in Vietnam, starting with early morning rice wine and blood-and-peanut soup and ending with late-night beers and snails at the local truck stop bar. So Marzinsky's approach to creating a menu shifted from single plates and high-concept dishes to one that revolves more around creating an experience.

"Ideally if you were to come in with four people you could eat half the menu," he says. "Each dish has its own personality, but at the end of the day the focus is more on eating, drinking and sharing."

What you'll eat at Buckminster's

Begin with Sweet Amalia oysters, a half-dozen served on ice, roasted or stewed. This pays homage to the oyster houses that were everywhere in the city years ago. Ely Farm honey bologna with beer mustard and pork and apples with sauerkraut are both nods to the region's inherent Pennsylvania Dutch traditions.

And there are pieces of Marzinsky's own culinary trajectory as well: stuffed cabbage with beef from Kensington Quarters' in-house butcher shop and Carolina Gold rice are his take on his Polish grandmother's galumpkis, and a sweet potato Massaman curry with pear pickles was inspired by his time in Thailand.

It's the broad vision that makes sharing a meal at Buckinster's so appealing.

"I stopped worrying about what it is that I want to cook," Marzinsky says, "and focusing more on a casual environment with seemingly casual food — but the thoughtfulness and the intent can always be there."

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Thursday, 6 p.m
City Hall
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A Longwood Christmas

Through Jan. 10
Longwood Gardens
1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square
$20, Longwoodgardens.org

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Kimmel Center
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Walnut Street Theatre
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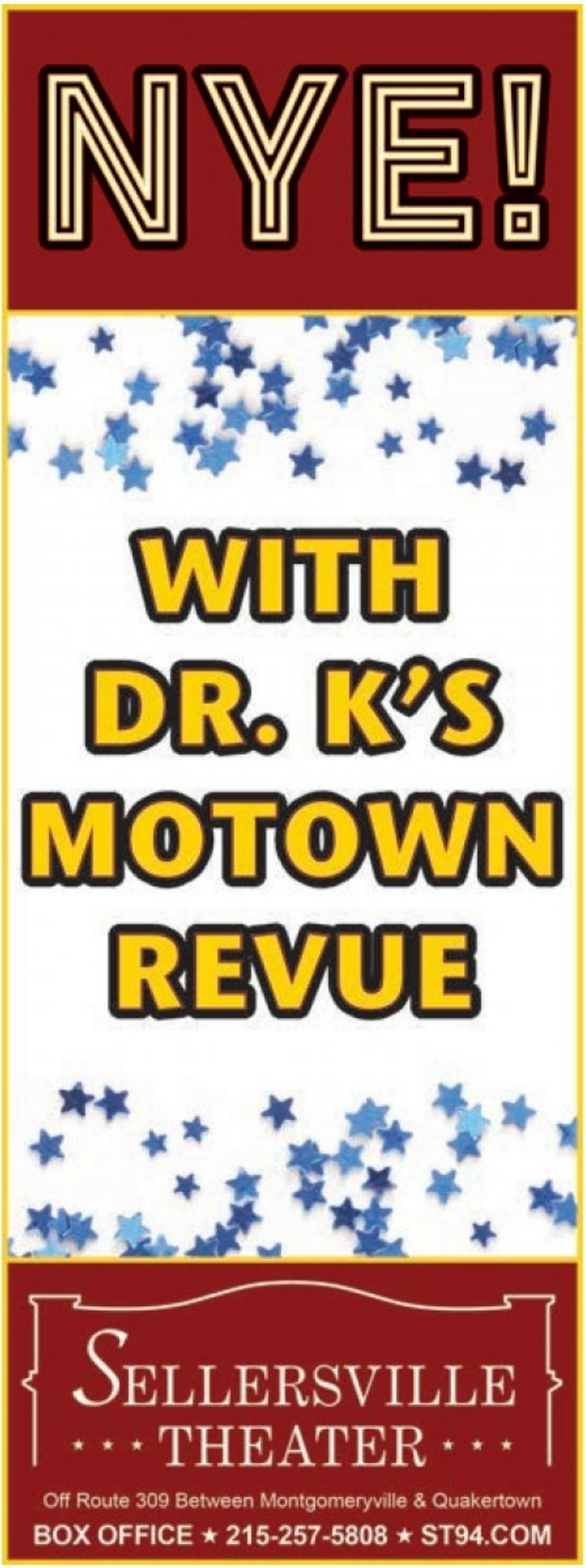
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Miley Cyrus & Her Dead Petz

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Electric Factory
421 N. Seventh St.
$70, Electricfactory.info
The befuddling addition of Dan Deacon as an opener for Miley Cyrus's tour with Her Dead Petz — better known as rock band The Flaming Lips — strangely helps make some sense of her long, public transformation. Known for his electronic dance music, Deacon gives Miley some cred and amplifies her party-starting persona. This show is officially sold out, so you'll have to go the resale route.

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Dec. 17: India.Arie, Keswick Theatre

Jan. 14: Rachel Brathen, The Fillmore Philadelphia

Jan. 23: The Go! Team with Glockabelle, Underground Arts

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Travelers can spend months in Buenos Aires and barely scratch the surface, but for those who are just passing through, here's a 24-hour guide.

Enjoy coffee and a medialuna ("half moon"-shaped pastry) at venerable B.A. institution **Cafe Tortoni (www.cafetortoni.com.ar)**, whose art nouveau interior has changed little since it opened in 1858. Next, stroll a couple blocks to the Plaza de Mayo and visit the opulent presidential palace, the **Casa Rosada**, from where Peron delivered his speeches galvanizing the populace. Just beyond lies the upscale waterfront neighborhood of **Puerto Madero** and the sleek Puente de la Mujer. Back in centro, point yourself towards Avenida 9 de Julio. With 20 traffic lanes, it is the widest avenue in the world. Here you'll find the famous Obelisco, an impressive monument that even Argentines admit was cribbed from a certain Washington, D.C., landmark.

A couple of blocks from 9 de Julio, **Pizzeria Guerrin (www.pizzeriaguerrin.com)** is the perfect spot for a gooey slice, a baked empanada and a chopp (draft beer).

After lunch, take the subway (subte) to **Recoleta** and visit the famous cementario. On the south side is Eva "Evita" Peron's final resting place, located in the tomb of the family Duarte. Stop off across the street at **La Biela (www.labiela.com)** or head to **Palermo Soho** to browse the boutiques and stroll the rose-lined pathways of the Paseo del Rosedal.

Take the subway to **San Telmo** and spend the rest of the afternoon strolling the cobbled streets of B.A.'s oldest neighborhood, browsing for antiques or just hanging out at a cafe.

New York may claim to be the "city that never sleeps," but Buenos Aires puts its money where its mouth is. Here it's not uncommon to see locals having dinner at 11 p.m. or midnight, children in tow. And revelers don't even hit the clubs until at least 2 a.m.

No one should visit this city without sampling authentic Argentine grilled beef. **La Brigada (www.parrillalabrigada.com.ar)** in San Telmo may be the gold standard, but for history, ambience and quality, head to **El Obrero** in La Boca. Gorge yourself on prime cuts of succulent beef until you wave the white flag of surrender. After dinner, take a cab to Plaza San Martin and **BASA (www.basabar.com.ar)**, where the mixologists are of the finest pedigree. Try the Santa Marta.

Once B.A.'s witching hour strikes, it's time to party. Speed down Avenida Santa Fe in a taxi to **Niceto Vega** in Palermo. The options for debauchery here are many. There are thumping boliches like **Niceto Club (nicetoclub.com)**, sophisticated discos like Ink **(www.restaurantdisco.com.ar)** and fun theme bars like **El Tiki.**

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Farewell to Kobe, 76ers'

The Sixers finally have something to smile about, amid mounting losses and off-court issues.

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On the day that Kobe Bryant bid farewell to Philly, the Sixers bid farewell to their 28-game losing streak (the worst ever in pro sports, stretching to last March).

The 37-year-old Bryant, who starred at nearby Lower Merion High School, looked like an aging player with 20 points on 7-of-26 shooting. But statistics didn't matter. Bryant, a 17-time All-Star and five-time NBA champion, was honored by Philadelphia fans along with Sixers great Julius Erving before the game. The fans gave Bryant a standing ovation, which was a tad surprising given the tense relationship through the years.

Bryant never expected to spend his entire 20-year career with the Lakers.

"Honestly, man, in high school, I always hoped to be a Sixer," Bryant said. "I was hoping that at the time. [Allen] Iverson was a force. It was always a dream of mine to play in Philadelphia. It didn't happen."

Eclipsing 25,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists while winning an NBA Most Valuable Player Award and two Olympic Gold Medals are milestones that Bryant never expected to reach.

In fact, Bryant reminisced that when he was 11 years old, he went scoreless in the Sonny Hill League.

"That was the turning point for me — it really was," Bryant said. "Eleven years old, and I was hoping I could get a technical free throw. Zero points

Kobe Bryant's next visit to the City of Brotherly Love will be as an ex-NBA player. GETTY IMAGES

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losing streak

"At 18, he knew exactly what he wanted to be. He wanted to be the best player in the league. He was the best player in this league for a long time. He didn't get credit for that."
Byron Scott, on Kobe Bryant

the whole summer, and that became a big motivating thing for me, to make sure I came back to the Sonny Hill League and I was ready to play, I was ready to compete with them."

Bryant did more than compete. He wound up becoming one of the greatest players in NBA history.

"He wasn't like any other 18-year-old I've met in my life," said Lakers coach Byron Scott when asked to recall Bryant's rookie season. "He wasn't reading the funnies of the newspaper or Sports Illustrated. He was reading Time magazine or other stuff I wasn't reading until I was 30. … He was different."

The Sixers haven't gotten credit for much considering how far this franchise has careened in recent years.

They've started to improve and were finally rewarded with a win. It was their first win at home since March 20.

"This is a relief on many levels," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "We are greedy. We want a little bit more."

Robert Covington led the Sixers with 23 points and buried five shots from beyond the arc. He would trade any individual numbers for more wins.

"It really feels good to get that first win under our belt," Covington said. "We're hoping it doesn't stop here. We want more. We are going to keep putting in the work to make this happen more. I think the feeling is really good because of the work that we've put in every day."

Bryant has put in more work than just about every other player in the league. There were times through the years when he would show up at a gymnasium at 6 a.m. on the morning after a game to develop his skills. He was simply relentless.

Whether it was just another regular season game, a playoff game or other tournaments, Bryant wanted to be the best.

"You're looking at 24 of the best players in the world," Brown said. "Even in that environment, he's clearly the alpha dog. He acts like it. He carries himself like it. When you see All-Star Games, they're fun until six minutes are left in the game. He wants the ball."

NFL

Bradford likely to start for Eagles in New England

Sam Bradford has been practicing for over a week now, and was listed as a full participant Wednesday, overcoming a concussion and shoulder injury (sustained in Week 10 against the Dolphins).

The Eagles could use their leader back, having faltered three times in his absence.

"I feel much better than I did at this point last week," Bradford said. "I'm much more comfortable out there with what I've been able to do on the field. It's starting to feel good."

Bradford was playing his best football before getting injured, and if he can regain his form it could go a long way toward getting the Eagles into playoff position. He is expected to start against the Patriots in their Week 13 battle in New England, a 4:25 start on Fox.

"The good news is we're only a game back in our division," Bradford said of the 4-7 Eagles. "Obviously, the season hasn't gone the way we hoped for. That being said, we're still in a position to get on a roll here and make the playoffs. Every game from here on out is important." EVAN MACY

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At 4-7, the Eagles are just a game behind the Giants and very much alive in the NFC East race despite recent struggles. GETTY IMAGES

Kelly responds to criticism, defends coaching methods

The Eagles' troubled head coach stands by his methods.

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It's hard to figure out what to make of Chip Kelly.

Is he a good football coach going through a tough time? Or is he in over his head and destined to return to college?

Earlier this week, Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins, a leader on the defensive side of the ball and regular defender of Kelly's unconventional methods, openly criticized the way Kelly and his staff run the team.

He said it was hard for him to be a leader when mistakes are discussed and pointed out in individual positional meetings instead of in a big team meeting. Jenkins said he believes it's harder to hold players accountable and harder for the team to operate as a cohesive unit when things are not discussed in the open.

On Wednesday, Kelly defended his philosophy.

"I think everywhere I've been, it's been done that way," Kelly said. "It's all been done in the individual position rooms to the individual position players because it doesn't help a guy, in this sport, unlike any other sport, it's very not related. What goes on for an offensive lineman is totally different than what goes on for a defensive back."

To Kelly, it seems, wasting time (which is limited as an NFL head coach) with redundancies should be a criminal offense. His goal each day is to maximize what can be done with each and every hour the team meets.

"Everybody needs instruction and everybody needs help; we all do," the coach said. "I think the more you can get specific with the individual player, and detail that for the individual player, it's better.

"I guess I'm not into wasting time. That's the first time I've ever heard anybody critique efficiency."

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16 World's fair
17 Corners
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20 Periscope site
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23 Viking, perhaps
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26 Going steady
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57 Exiled Roman poet
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6 Polite cough
7 Narrow inlet
8 Messengers
9 Amber, for one
10 Rust or patina
11 Cast a vote
12 Bridge quorum
14 Trembly trees
22 — Dawn Chong
24 Gambling stake
25 Expansive view
26 Argued a case
27 Humorous Ogden
28 Bygone science magazine
29 Junk or snail —
32 Sardonic
33 "Where's —?"
34 Burden
35 Key — pie
36 Type of market
38 Starts the football game (2 wds.)
39 Sporty trucks
42 Cord of firewood
43 Joyous outbursts
45 Draw squiggles
46 Joule fraction
47 Perfume bottles
48 Marilyn's real first name
49 Piece of prose
51 "The Bridge on the River —"
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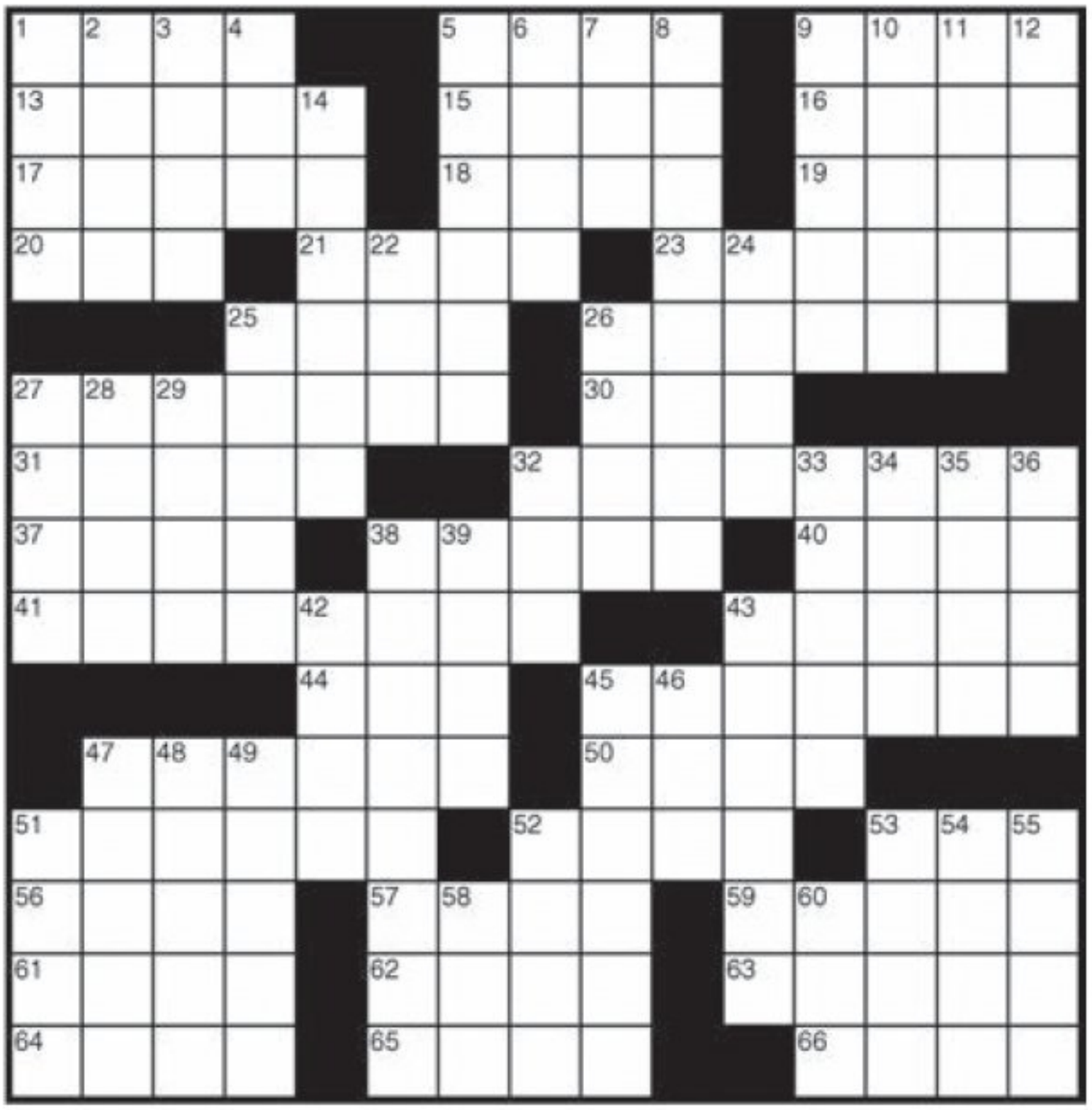

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Aries Emotional distress will ruin your plans. Don't let things bother you. Rise above others' words or actions and act out of kindness, courtesy and respect.

Taurus Make plans to entertain friends or family or host a festive event. Your enthusiasm and good will won't go unnoticed.

Gemini Take it easy and be smart. If you plan to go shopping or make some financial transactions, think twice before you go into debt.

Cancer Spend a little time on yourself. Getting a new hairdo or outfit for an upcoming event will boost your morale. Plan something fun.

Leo Use your witty and charismatic personality to attract interest in something you want to pursue. The attention you receive will result in support.

Virgo If you say you are going to do something, you must do it. It's important to research the feasibility of any venture before you start it.

Libra You will be quite upset if people don't honor their words. Leave nothing to chance by taking care of matters yourself.

Scorpio If you take an unusual position, you will discover something about yourself and those around you that will help you make an important decision.

Sagittarius Don't let a chaotic environment or frame of mind cause you to make choices that are questionable and easily criticized.

Capricorn Drastic measures may be necessary to get what you want. Setting a budget and sticking to it will allow you greater freedom.

Aquarius You should revisit old ideas and look over new agreements in order to find a way to meld the two. Do something out of the ordinary.

Pisces Do your best and refrain from getting into a dispute. Tread carefully when dealing with peers or people in authoritative positions. EUGENIA LAST

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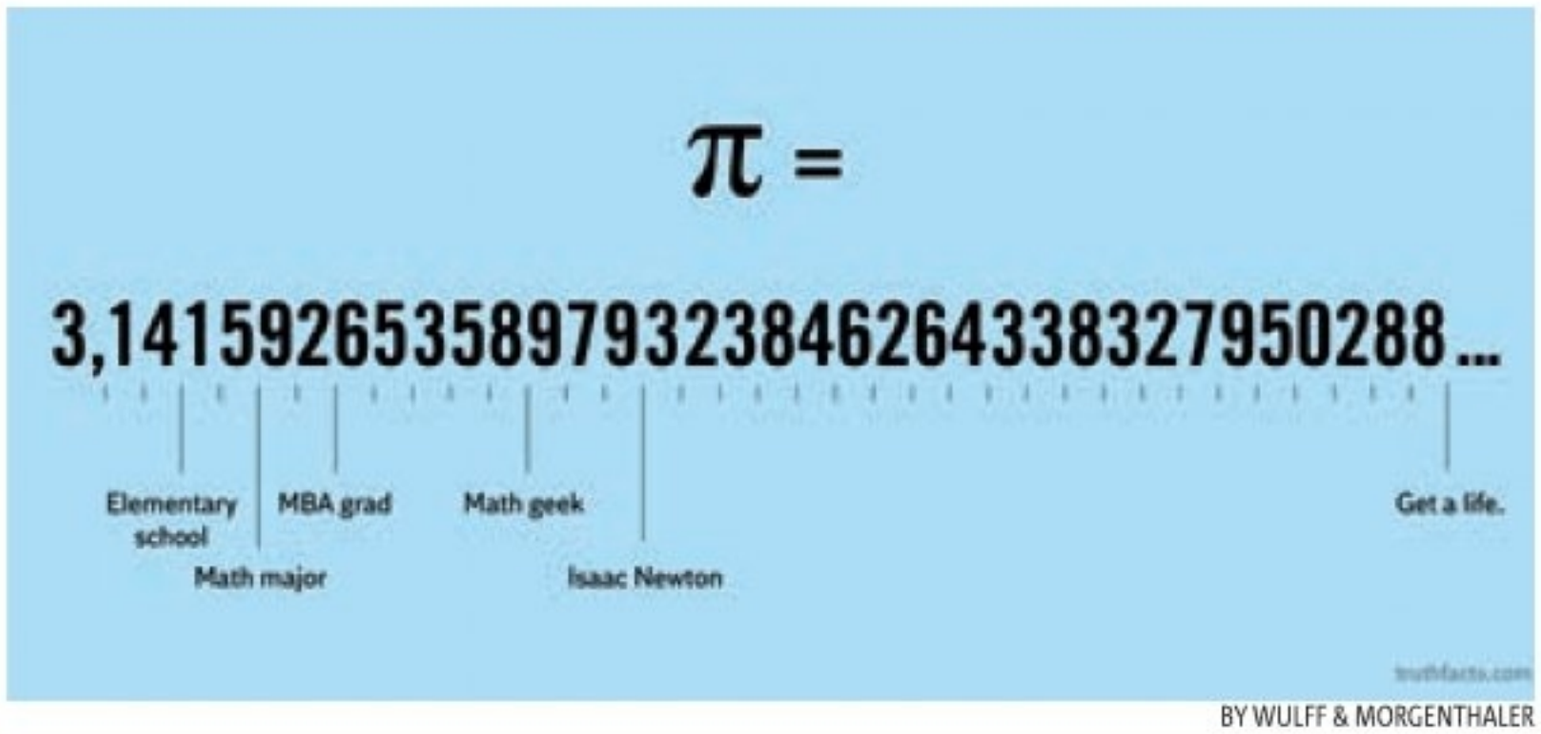

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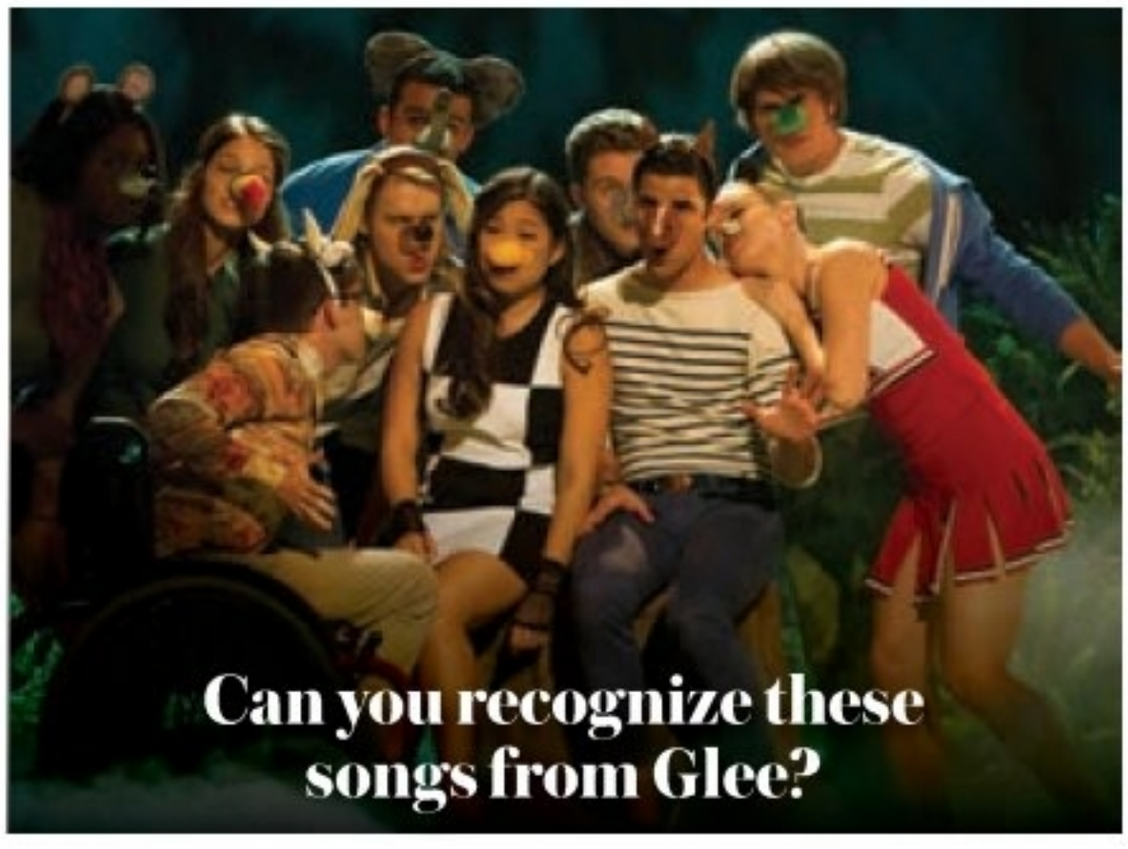

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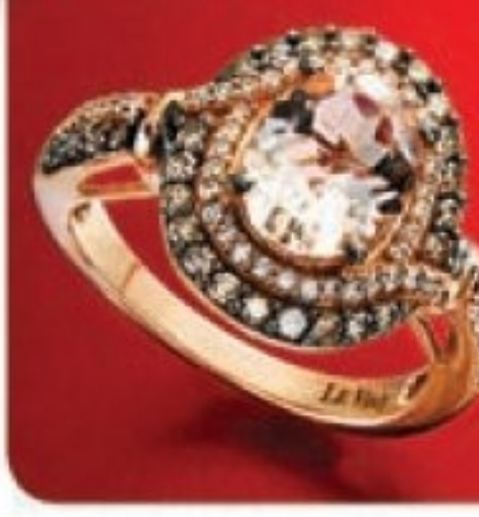

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